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States/British Columbia Oil Spill Task Force Prevention Project

Owner information and the date, if applicable, by which vessel must meet U.S. double hull design standards of 33 CFR 157.10D, were obtained from the U.S. Coast Guard Certificate of Inspection for each tanker. Accuracy of this information was verified by the three owner/operators listed below.

#	Tanker Name	Operator – top line	Date of Build	Hull Configuration	Conversion Date	Retirement
		Owner – bottom line	or Scheduled	and	If Single-Hull or	Date
			Date of Build	Deadweight Tonnage	Double-Bottom	
1.	DENALI	Alaska Tanker Company, LLC	1978	Double Bottom	No conversion	10/25/06
		Shipco 670, Inc.		124,999	planned	
2.	KENAI	Alaska Tanker Company, LLC	1979	Double Hull	N/A	N/A
		Shawmut Bank Connecticut NA		123,113		
3.	MARINE COLUMBIA	Alaska Tanker Company, LLC	1974	Single Hull	No conversion	11/17/06
	(ex OMI COLUMBIA)	Argosy Ventures Ltd.	Rebuilt 1983	124,999	planned	
4.	OVERSEAS BOSTON	Alaska Tanker Company, LLC	1974	Single Hull	No conversion	01/01/04
		Cambridge Tankers Inc.	Rebuilt 1981	123,692	planned	
5.	OVERSEAS CHICAGO	Alaska Tanker Company, LLC	1977	Double Bottom	No conversion	06/30/05
		First Shipmor Associates		92,091	planned	
6.	OVERSEAS NEW YORK	Alaska Tanker Company, LLC	1977	Double Bottom	No conversion	12/08/05
		Manufacturers Hanover Trust Co.		91,843	planned	
7.	OVERSEAS WASHINGTON	Alaska Tanker Company, LLC	1978	Double Bottom	No conversion	03/01/06
		401 Equity Corporation		91,967	planned	
8.	PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND	Alaska Tanker Company, LLC	1975	Double Hull	N/A	N/A
		Shipco 667, Inc.		122,941		
9.	TONSINA	Alaska Tanker Company, LLC	1978	Double Hull	N/A	N/A
		Fleet National Bank		124,751		
10.	ALASKAN FRONTIER ¹	Alaska Tanker Company, LLC	2003	Double Hull	N/A	N/A
	Under construction	BP Oil Shipping Company, USA		124,999		
11.	ALASKAN EXPLORER	Alaska Tanker Company, LLC	2004	Double Hull	N/A	N/A
	Scheduled new-build	BP Oil Shipping Company, USA		124,999		
12.	ALASKAN ADVENTURE	Alaska Tanker Company, LLC	2005	Double Hull	N/A	N/A
	Scheduled new-build	BP Oil Shipping Company, USA		124,999		
13.	ALASKAN LEGEND	Alaska Tanker Company, LLC	2006	Double Hull	N/A	N/A

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¹ BP Oil Shipping Company, USA, has the option to build two more BP Alaska Class tankers, in addition to the four scheduled new-builds listed in this table.

	Scheduled new-build	BP Oil Shipping Company, USA		124,999		
14.	POLAR ALASKA	Polar Tankers, Inc.	1979	Double Bottom	No conversion	12/04/07
		Polar Tankers, Inc.		124,999	planned	
15.	POLAR CALIFORNIA	Polar Tankers, Inc.	1980	Double Bottom	No conversion	07/15/08
		Polar Tankers, Inc.		124,999	planned	
16.	POLAR TEXAS	Polar Tankers, Inc.	1973	Double Bottom	No conversion	11/19/04
		Polar Tankers, Inc.	Rebuilt 1981	91,393	planned	
17.	POLAR TRADER	Polar Tankers, Inc.	1982	Double Bottom	No conversion	12/17/12
		Attransco Inc.		50,860	planned	
18.	POLAR ENDEAVOUR	Polar Tankers, Inc.	2001	Double Hull	N/A	N/A
		Polar Tankers, Inc.		124,999		
19.	POLAR RESOLUTION	Polar Tankers, Inc.	2002	Double Hull	N/A	N/A
		Polar Tankers, Inc.		124,999		
20.	POLAR DISCOVERY	Polar Tankers, Inc.	2003	Double Hull	N/A	N/A
	Under construction.	Polar Tankers, Inc.		124,999		
21.	POLAR ADVENTURE	Polar Tankers, Inc.	2004	Double Hull	N/A	N/A
	Option to build exercised.	Polar Tankers, Inc.		124,999		
22.	POLAR ENTERPRISE	Polar Tankers, Inc.	2005	Double Hull	N/A	N/A
	Option to build exercised	Polar Tankers, Inc.		124,999		
23.	SEARIVER AMERICAN	SeaRiver Maritime Inc.	1997	Double Hull	N/A	N/A
	PROGRESS	First Security Bank NA, Trustee		46,095		
	(ex AMERICAN PROGRESS)					
24.	SEARIVER BAYTOWN	SeaRiver Maritime Inc.	1984	Double Bottom	No conversion	08/03/12
		SeaRiver Maritime Inc.		58,686	planned	
25.	SEARIVER BRISTOL BAY	SeaRiver Maritime Inc.	1999	Double Hull	N/A	N/A
	(ex HMI AMBROSE	Seabulk International Inc. (bareboat		45,671		
	CHANNEL)	charter)				
	Entered TAPS trade service					
	February 2002.					
26.	SEARIVER COLUMBIA	SeaRiver Maritime Inc.	1978	Double Bottom	No conversion	03/14/06
	BAY (ex B.T. ALASKA)	SeaRiver Maritime Inc.		124,999	planned	
	Scheduled to begin operating					
	in TAPS Tarde March 2003					
27.	SEARIVER GALENA BAY	SeaRiver Maritime Inc.	1982	Double Bottom	No conversion	01/15/12
	(ex CHESAPEAKE TRADER)	Attransco Inc.		50,920	planned	
28.	SEARIVER	SeaRiver Maritime Inc.	1977	Double Bottom	No conversion	10/01/05
	HINCHINBROOK	SeaRiver Maritime Inc.		92,017	planned	
	(ex OVERSEAS OHIO)					

29.	SEARIVER LONG BEACH	SeaRiver Maritime Inc.	1987	Single Hull	No conversion	01/01/10
		SeaRiver Maritime Inc.		124,999	planned	
30.	SEARIVER PUGET SOUND	SeaRiver Maritime Inc.	1983	Double Bottom	No conversion	05/10/13
	(ex POTOMAC TRADER)	Attransco Inc.		50,860	planned	
31.	SEABULK ARCTIC (ex	Seabulk International Inc.	1998	Double Hull	No conversion	N/A
	CAPE LOOKOUT SHOALS)	Seabulk International Inc.		46,094	planned	
32.	SEABULK PRIDE (ex	Seabulk International Inc.	1998	Double Hull	No conversion	N/A
	NANTUCKET SHOALS)	Seabulk International Inc.		46,094	planned	

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Notes

- 1. None of the three companies owning/operating tankers participating in the Trans Alaska Pipeline System (TAPS) trade have plans to convert their double-bottom or single-hull tankers to double-hull tankers. Building a new double-hull tanker is less expensive than retrofitting a single-hull or double-bottom tanker and a new double-hull tanker will have a longer life than a converted tanker. As of December 2002, the average age of the 25 tankers participating in the TAPS trade is 18.4 years. Retirement dates for the single-hull and double-bottom tankers listed above, range from 2004 for the OVERSEAS BOSTON and POLAR TEXAS to 2013 for the double-bottom tanker SEARIVER PUGET SOUND. The retirement dates listed above are mandated under the Federal Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (OPA '90). Some companies retire their tonnage well before the OPA '90 date.
- 2. The steel used in a Millennium Class tanker is approximately 80 percent mild steel and 20 percent high tensile steel. The high tensile steel is only used in the superstructure, not in the hull. The hull is designed to last 30 years, operating in typical TAPS Trade sea states. The hull of a double-hull tanker is, in general, stiffer and stronger than the hull of a single-hull tanker. According to naval architects employed by Polar Tankers, the sea keeping ability of Millennium Class tanker will tend to be superior to that of most single-hull tankers, principally due to the advanced hull form featuring significantly more shape in the bow and stern. The parallel midbody (in which there is no curve) of the Millennium Class tanker is shorter as a percent of the total hull length than on most single-hull Very Large Crude Carriers (VLCCs). The cost to build a Millennium Class tanker, as of January 2002, is approximately USD 250 million.
- 3. In November 2001, the single-hull tanker CHEVRON MISSISSIPPI made its last trip in the TAPS trade, this marking the end of Chevron's (now ChevronTexaco) over 20 years of participation in the TAPS trade. Chevron/Texaco has no plans to replace the CHEVRON MISSISSIPPI with company-owned TAPS trade tonnage. The company has begun using other carriers, such as Polar Tankers, Inc. to deliver crude oil to Chevron/Texaco refineries.
- 4. In April 2002, Alaska Tanker Company (ATC) began building (cutting the steel for) the ALASKA FRONTIER, the first of four "super redundant" Alaska Class tankers. The company estimates the average cost for each tanker will be "in excess of USD 200 million."

- 5. SeaRiver Maritime, Inc. is currently evaluating its TAPS trade tonnage needs. SeaRiver, according to a senior manager, is moving towards somewhat smaller size crude carriers, such as 90,000 to 100,000 deadweight tons, versus 125,000 deadweight tons (the Puget Sound federal tonnage limit), which may not be as economically viable. The possibility of building new double-hull tonnage is under study.
- 6. Double Hull Requirement are specified in MARPOL 73/78, Annex I, 13 F and 13 G.
- 7. There are three types of single hull oil tankers:

Category 1: single hull tankers **without protective ballast tanks** around the cargo tanks. The implementation of double hull requirements will entail this category being phased out internationally between 2007 and 2012, or under OPA '90, between 2010 and 2015.

Category 2: single hull oil tankers whose **cargo tank area is partially protected by separate ballast tanks**. This category will only be phased out as a result of the international double hull requirements in 2026 (as opposed to 2010 and 2015, as indicated in the OPA '90).

Category 3: single hull oil tankers **below the MARPOL size limit** (20,000 DWT) and which are not therefore subject to the double hull requirements.

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